



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1910

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out an inventory and management program for forests derived from public domain land

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on March 24, 2004*

SUMMARY

S. 1910 would authorize the appropriation of funds necessary for the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to assess the health of certain federal and private forests, primarily in western states. The bill would direct the Secretary to develop means of detecting potentially catastrophic environmental threats to those forests and specifies that those efforts should be carried out from a facility in the Ochoco National Forest in Oregon.

Based on information from the Forest Service about the level of effort and resources needed to meet those requirements, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1910 would cost \$2 million in 2005 and \$24 million over the 2005-2009 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 1910 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1910 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2005 and that amounts estimated to be necessary will be provided each year. Estimates of outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar activities. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1910 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	5	5	5	5	5
Estimated Outlays	2	6	6	5	5

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1910 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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